UPDATED INFORMATIVE DIGEST FOR PROPOSED BUILDING STANDARDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATEWIDE HEALTH PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

REGARDING THE CALIFORNIA MECHANICAL CODE CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 24, PART 4

The Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development finds that no revisions have been made which would warrant a change to the informative digest contained in the Notice for the proposal to:

- Adopt the 2006 Uniform Mechanical Code for incorporation, by reference, into the 2007 California Mechanical Code (CMC)
- Carry forward existing California amendments related to hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, licensed clinics and correctional treatment centers
- Amend requirements to permit air from fire-resistive corridors to serve toilet rooms up to 50 square feet which will accommodate accessibility requirements
- Clarify the installation requirements for dry-steam type humidifiers
- Add additional ASHRAE standards for rating the efficiencies of air filters known as "Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value" (MERV)
- Clarify that requirements for skilled nursing facility construction also apply to "distinct part" units included on a hospital license and units within hospital buildings
- Propose various minor technical modifications to pressure relationships and ventilation requirements for clarification and consistency within the code